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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN AND COSTA RICAN ALTERNATIVES ON CUBAN
SANCTIONS ISSUE

1. DURING SENATOR CHILES' COURTESY CALL ON
FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AUGUST 28, LATTER
CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING
PERSONALLY WITH VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER
CALVANI SHORTLY, AS HAD BEEN REPORTED IN LOCAL
PRESS THAT MORNING. THE DATE WAS NOT FIRM BUT
HE EXPECTED CALVANI WOULD PASS THROUGH SAN
JOSE ON HIS WAY BACK FROM A TRIP HE EXPECTS
TO TAKE TO MEXICO VERY SHORTLY. PURPOSE WILL
BE TO COMPARE NOTES ON TWO COUNTRIES'
VIEWS ON CUBAN SANCTIONS ISSUE AS WELL AS
OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. FACIO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER
FROM COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VASQUEZ
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CARRIZOSA STRONGLY DEFENDING THE VENEZUELAN

THESIS ON BASICALLY POLITICAL AND PRAGMATIC GROUNDS. THIS SURPRISED HIM. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO REPLY TO IT IN DETAIL (FACIO DELIGHTS IN THESE INTELLECTUAL AND LEGAL DEBATES).

3. IN SUMMARIZING HIS THESIS TO SENATOR CHILES RE THE CUBAN SANCTIONS ISSUE, FACIO ADDED THAT WHILE HE WANTED TO SEE A MEETING OF CONSULTATION HANDLE THE ISSUE, "I KNOW I DO NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT FOR THAT NOW". HE TOLD CHILES THAT HE THOUGHT THE MAIN REASON THERE WAS SO MUCH CONCERN AMONG OAS MEMBERS ABOUT REFORMING THE RIO TREATY WAS PRECISELY THE UNHAPPINESS THAT MANY NATIONS FELT ABOUT THE CUBAN SITUATION AND ITS CURRENT ANOMALIES. MANY OF THE PROPOSED REFORMS, SUCH AS THOSE OF MEXICO, ARGENTINA AND PERU, WERE FORMULATED WITH THE SPECIFIC CUBAN ISSUE IN MIND AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A REPETITION OF THE CUBAN CASE AS THEY SAW IT, I.E. SANCTIONS FOR IDEOLOGICAL RATHER THAN SECURITY REASONS, IMPOSSIBLE. THEREFORE, IF THE CUBAN ISSUE COULD BE CLEARED UP, THE HEMISPHERE COULD THEN VIEW THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM AND QUESTION OF REFORMING THE RIO TREATY MORE RATIONALLY AND MODERATELY.

4. FACIO CONFIRMED THAT DURING HIS EXPECTED THREE-WEEK STAY IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA, HE EXPECTED TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR A DAY OR SO TO "LOOK IN" ON THE OAS MEETING. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD HEAD THE COSTA RICAN DELEGATION TO THE NOVEMBER LIMA MEETING OF THE OAS RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE.

5. COMMENT: FACIO CONTINUES TO LOBBY STEADILY FOR HIS THESIS. HE WILL CLEARLY USE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE VARIOUS FOREIGN MINISTERS' PRESENCE IN UNGA TO LOBBY. HE
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MAY BE POINTING TO THE LIMA MEETING, BUT I DO NOT THINK HE IS WEDDED TO ANY PARTICULAR DEADLINE; HE WILL RATHER WORK PATIENTLY TO LET FRUSTRATIONS RIPEN, AND QUIETLY SO AS NOT TO BUILD UP RESISTANCES BEFORE ALL HIS DUCKS ARE IN A ROW.
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